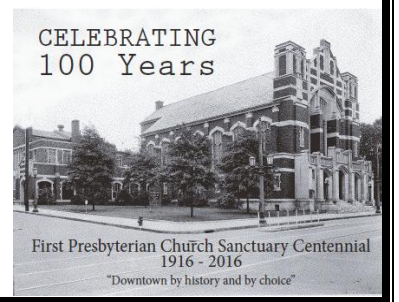


First Presbyterian Church

APRIL 26, 2016



Sunday, May 1

6th Sunday of Easter

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

The **Children's Choir** will sing during worship. Please join the Pastor Nominating Committee in welcoming **Mindy Douglas** at a **reception** in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service on Sunday. Light refreshments will be served. Stop by the Photo Booth to leave a greeting for Mindy!

Sermon: "A Light in the City"

Mindy L. Douglas, preaching

Worship Texts:

Psalm Lesson	Psalm 67
Gospel Lesson	John 14:23-29
Epistle Lesson	Revelation 21:10, 22-25

Crucifer: **Parker Klinck**

Acolytes: **Robbie Creadick, Henry Everett**

Crossdaile Driver: to be determined

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

Talitha Kwon (Side/font),

Aurelia Klinck (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head),

Jennie Alwood (flowers), **Jo Bernhardt**,

Paul Cornsweet, Carl Rist

Communion Servers: **Aurelia Klinck** (B1, process), **Kristin Meade** (B2), **Talitha Kwon** (B3), **Michael Schultz** (B4), **Kate Busa** (C1), **Alice Raney** (C2, process),

Laura Hanson (C3), **Caroline Rourk** (C4),

Jane Williams (Head, replenish elements),

Shepherds: Barbara Gerwe (font aisle),

Jerry Postema (center aisle), **Eric Wiebe**

(pulpit aisle)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

We welcome back the terrific trio of **Sam Miglrese, Lisa Gabriel** and **Sheila Breitweiser** to speak with us about Planned Giving. They will follow up on previous presentations made back in February. The class begins at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall and all are welcome.

Lectionary Class

We read stories in the Bible about God's direct involvement with people: God spoke clearly in visions and dreams, God opened hearts to listen to a message, God healed, God blessed. Is God still involved with us today? Do we still perceive God's actions? Join us at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

In his suffering, Job has challenged the justice of God. What will God say to Job? All are welcome to join Journeys as they read and discuss the Book of Job at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

Scratch/Young Adults

This Sunday we'll be venturing into the work of W.E.B. Du Bois. We'll be discussing race and the American soul. Please listen to this "On Being" podcast that features one of the last interviews by Maya Angelou. See you at 9:45 – room across from the Youth room.

<http://www.onbeing.org/program/maya-angelou-elizabeth-alexander-and-arnold-rampersad-web-du-bois-the-american-soul/6442>

SANCTUARY AND ORGAN

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

FPC's beautiful sanctuary and stained glass windows are now being featured on the church's website along with **Dorothy Newsom Rankin's** paper presented at a fellowship dinner in 1983. The paper is a fascinating read! Check it out at <http://firstpres-durham.org/sanctuary-and-organ-centennial/>.



MEMORY BOOK

The Centennial Celebration Committee wants to capture your FPC memories and your hopes for the future! A memory book will be in the church foyer for the next few months for you to place any thoughts you have about what FPC means to you – looking back and looking forward! You can send these by email to Caroline Rourk or write them on a personal note card and place them in the book.



CENTENNIAL MISSION PROJECT

For the month of April, we are collecting 100 items for Genesis Home. They need **toilet paper** and **dish detergent soap** (for hand washing dishes), **laundry detergent, fabric softener, twin bed sheets, paper towels, and cleaning supplies**. Place your donations in the green "Barrel of Joy" near the Mission Collection station in the foyer. Thank you for supporting this mission project!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Children – Grades 3-5)

New month/new story. This Sunday we'll talk about how in the world Jesus was able to feed 5,000 people with a few loaves of bread and a few fish. It's quite amazing, and it's in all four of the Gospels. See you Sunday!

Women's Spiritual Formation Class

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women on spiritual formation. We meet at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

Family Matters Class

Parents of elementary age and younger children share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture. We meet at 9:45 in the CE building, room 203.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, May 15** for the purpose of electing elders and deacons to the Class of 2019 to serve as leaders of the church. Information about those placed in nomination will be forthcoming before the election.

Save the Date!

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Reverend Mindy Douglas

will be installed as the 12th Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, MAY 22

4:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

A reception will follow the service.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I can't thank you enough for the privilege of serving as Head of Staff for the past 14 months. The standing ovation in worship on Sunday was quite overwhelming. As a shy person, I wanted to hide behind a hymnal and cry. But thank you so much for your confidence in me . . .

. . . and in the God who leads us all, sometimes to the places we can't imagine ourselves being called. My reaction is likewise, to give you all a standing ovation of one, me, to thank you for stepping up to the task of leading FPC through these three years of wilderness wandering and identity formation. I feel that FPC is stronger because of this journey with leadership more equally shared between clergy and laity: a sign of good health. So please pat yourselves on the back, too, as God begins to do a new thing in our midst, as we welcome **Mindy Douglas** as our new Pastor/Head of Staff this Sunday. We only have to learn one name; she has to learn many. So please wear nametags frequently and often as she begins to put names and faces together.

The Session is sending a letter to the congregation explaining last week's statement on House Bill 2. It is grounded in Scripture, in our Confessions, and in our FPC Core Values and Welcome Statement. It is a good example of the heartfelt and thoughtful leadership that has arisen in our church during this interim time.

Grace and peace,

Marilyn

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for **Alden Joseph Kaufeld** and **Dylan Kisner Law** on Sunday during worship. Alden is the son of **Kevin and Kimberly Kaufeld**. Dylan is the son of **Kit and Julia Law**. Dylan's grandfather, **Rev. Jeff Kisner**, assisted with his grandson's baptism.

SESSION BRIEFS

(April 25, 2016)

- Approved **Mary Berry** as a Candidate for Ministry for New Hope Presbytery
- Approved both internal & external statements condemning HB2. An external statement is to be sent to state government leaders and media outlets.
- Approved a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, May 15 to elect officers for the Class of 2019.
- Approved the contract to repair roofing, guttering, masonry and stone work that are allowing water into the building and causing damage.

–**Barbara Gerwe**, Clerk of Session

Six **new members** were introduced in worship on Sunday, April 24. Their profiles are included with today's newsletter mailing.

Many thanks to **Arthur Clark** for his wonderful remembering of his days in China during and immediately following World War II. The Faith and Community Class was enthralled by his story and by his brilliant memory as recorded in his new book, Eye of the Tiger.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Jeanne Hervey** and family on the death of Jeanne's daughter, **Mary Clegg**, who died April 22 in Naples, FL.

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Mary Gitata** on the birth of her first grandchild. **Shane Njoroge Muchugia** was born April 22 in Delaware to **Kevin Gitata** and **Lydia Araka**.

Belated birthday wishes to **Amelia Thompson**, FPC member who turned 97 on April 22nd. Amelia lives in Burlington (Twin Lakes Assisted Living) and is frail now due to heart and breathing issues. You are encouraged to send special thoughts, wishes, and blessings her way!

Added this week:

Harold Dunlap, recovering at home following a brief hospital stay
Dale Keyt, uncle of Laura Kelley, hospitalized with pneumonia in Detroit
The Foster Family, friends of Chris Brown
Peaches McPherson, recovering at The Forest at Duke from hip surgery

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham)

Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill

Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village

Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**

The Pavilion: **Jean Moore**

Bob Rankin

Jerry Tyren

Karsten Rist, father of Carl Rist

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant

Ken Goldner

- **Elizabeth Chomba**, niece of Mercy Ndambiri
- **Molly Fabri**, aunt of Sheila Breitweiser
- **Ellie Johnson**, niece of Jim Johnson
- **Helene Johnson**, mother of Jim Johnson
- **Virginia Lagow**, grandmother of Heather Wallace
- **Cheryl Martin** (and husband Paul), sister-in-law of Beth Neece
- **Chuck Schultz**, father of Amy Dillon
- **Desiré Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn
- **Laurie Wallace**, mother of Heather Wallace

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

MAY POTLUCK

SATURDAY, MAY 7

6:30 p.m. at the home of Wayne and Lucie House

615 Churchill Dr, Chapel Hill

RSVP and more details on the EVITE.

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet to discuss Atul Gawande's "Being Mortal: Medicine & What Matters in the End" at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 10**. **Sue Fricks** is hosting and **Dale Gaddis** will lead the discussion.

YOUTH GROUPS

5:00-6:30 p.m. Middle Schoolers

6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30-8:00 p.m. High Schoolers

Emily Wilkins will provide dinner.

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Give mom a break, avoid long restaurant lines, and join us on Mother's Day for a delicious lunch following worship. The menu will include items for younger appetites. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal. **Make a reservation for your family** by calling the church office: 919-682-5511 or completing a lunch reservation card.

Save the Date!

FIRST FRIENDS (Adults only)

SATURDAY, MAY 21

6:00 p.m. at the home of William and Jane Brown

Hosts will provide grilled fish and brats. Bring a side dish to share.

STEPUP NEEDS YOU!

Want to work directly with the folks StepUp Durham is serving? Want to make a tangible difference? We have a couple of great NEWish opportunities for you to get involved:

We're starting a **RESUME LAB** on Tuesdays of Jobs Week! Volunteers will help participants create great resumes using lots of resources / support (resume templates, sample resumes, someone to ask for help, etc.). We're hoping for volunteers who can commit to help in shifts: **9:30 to noon** or **1:30 to 4:00**.

If you think you'd be interested in helping with resumes every other Tuesday or every so often, please email StepUp at: durhaminfo@stepupministry.org.

StepUp HEARTS FOOD campaign. Did you know that StepUp Durham provides breakfast and lunch during Jobs Week trainings FREE to participants? We want to honor our participants with meals that are healthy and tasty, but our budget is very limited. **Our goal is to have EVERY MEAL throughout the year covered by a volunteer.**

If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity, email Helen at: athelen.kinser@stepupministry.org.

Bob Yoder is also a resource person for StepUp Durham. Email Bob at: DrRobertL.Yoder@exicte.com for more information on volunteer opportunities.

SESSION APPROVES

LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

Unanimously, at their called meeting on April 18, the FPC Session approved making copies of a letter prepared by Coalition for Health Care of NC available to the congregation to sign. They discerned that this letter, commended to us by our sister church, Covenant Presbyterian, and endorsed by them and the NC Council of Churches, is in alignment with FPC's core values. **Members may sign a letter, or not, at one's discretion, and put it in the yellow box in the foyer.** A representative from the NC Coalition for Health Care will pick up the signed letters after May 15 and deliver them to the Governor.

PLANNED GIVING

CORNER

A legacy that honors the values I've lived by . . .



Estate planning and preparing a will are not at the top of anyone's to-do list. However, it is critical that such decisions be made and recorded so that one's intentions are communicated clearly.

Several years ago my parents and I planned a trip to Paris. I thought it was way too early to be thinking about a will, but since we all would be traveling together, I decided to put something in writing before the trip. It was important to me to recognize the people and organizations that mean the most to me, so I planned for a gift to my undergraduate school (Davidson College), and the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, and most importantly First Presbyterian Church, Durham.

People, places, and experiences throughout our lives create the tapestry of who we become. My family and friends, and my church and my education, have made me the person that I am today – and for that I am very grateful. I never thought of myself as having a legacy. However, if I look at what I value in my life – my work in the community to help end homelessness and improve access to health care for those who are underserved, my church family, and my planned gifts to allow others to pursue their potential through education – then maybe that is a legacy? I like to think so.

– **Caroline Rourk**

Founding member of the FPC Legacy Society

Please prayerfully consider your reasons to join Caroline in leaving a legacy to carry our church into the next 100 years.

HELP WANTED

Are you savvy about Microsoft Access? If so, please make yourself known to **Kathy Parkins!**

"LOVE" BAGS

The Walk-in Ministry appreciates all the donations it receives for blessing and toiletry bags. We continue to need items to make blessing bags: **brown lunch bags, snack crackers, snack-sized cookies, nutrition bars, fruit snacks, and small bottles of water** for the Walk-in Ministry. It would be most helpful to have more **travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, and wash cloths** for the toiletry bags. Drop items off at the Mission Collection Station in the foyer. If you wish to assemble bags at home and drop them off ready to give, that is also appreciated.

SEEDS/FARM CHURCH

invites FPC members to their **First Public Worship**

Sunday, May 1

10:00 a.m. at SEEDS

706 Gilbert Street, Durham

Organizers: **Ben Johnson-Krase**
Allen Brimer

For more info go to:

<http://www.farmchurch.org/>

Remember to wear a NAME TAG this Sunday!